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**DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of  
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For (title):

FISHING ROD HOLDER

**1. Type of Application**

This new application is for a

☒ Divisional.

**2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, or 121)**

☒ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application.  
Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

**3. Papers Enclosed**

**A. Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

9 Pages of Specification

3 Pages of Claims

3 Sheets of Drawing

☒ Formal

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

1 Page of Abstract

**4. Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98)  
☒ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

**5. Declaration or Oath**

- ☒ Enclosed  
Executed by  
☒ inventor.

**6. Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is:

- ☒ The same.

**7. Language**

- ☒ English

**8. Assignment: Not applicable**

**9. Certified Copy: Not applicable**

**10. Small Entity Statements**

- ☒ Status as a small entity was claimed in prior application No. 09/226,711, filed on January 7, 1999, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under:  
35 U.S.C. §    ☐ 119(e),  
                              ☒ 120,  
                              ☐ 121,  
                              ☐ 365(c),  
and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

**11. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

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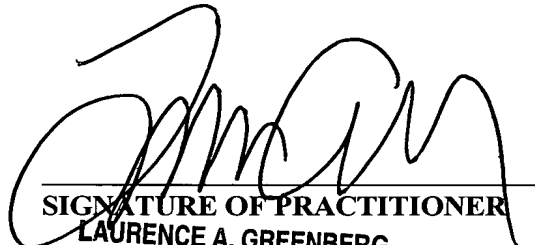
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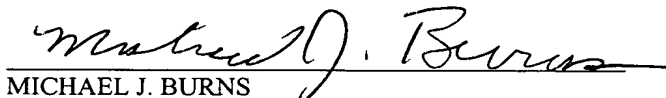
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